THEY WALKED THESE STREETS...WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. FROM SWANSEA, AND PARKDALE C.I.

They attended Swansea P.S. Runnymede Collegiate, and Parkdale Collegiate Institute before heading off to serve overseas in the First World War. They were athletes, scout leaders, and young men about to start their adult lives in Canada. They chose to serve for Canada in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Now they rest in foreign lands for eternity. Their names and their stories are told in a book researched and written by Teacher-Librarian Nellie Spence, entitled Their Name Liveth, published in 1920. In the foreword to the book, Miss Spence wrote, "Life must be immortal for their sake. They went forth, these young Knights of a New World, in eager hope and high endeavour. They showed, in the most colossal and deadly of conflicts, a heroism that dwarfed and shamed the bravest deeds of Prince and Paladin in the days of old. With bright optimism born of youth, they thought of a surety to win through the War and come home again to the land of their birth and their love."

"They walked these streets... We will remember them."

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SWANSEA

SERGEANT NORMAN BARBEAU

Age 20. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Barbeau. He lived at 109 Durie Street. Prior to enlistment he was a student at Swansea P.S. and Runnymede Collegiate and was very involved in the community as Cubmaster of the 127th Pack of Wolf Cubs, and was a patrol leader of the 101st boy scout troops. He was married to Miss Louise Marchington a month prior to going overseas and held a job at the Consolidated Optical Co. Sadly, Barbeau died on the same day of his landing overseas on November 7th, 1941 when the Spitfire plane he was flying crashed into a willow tree in St. Margaret Parish in England. He left behind his parents and 5 brothers.



Norman Barbeau

SWANSEA

FLIGHT SERGEANT GEORGE STANLEY GOULD

Age 22. He lived at 53 Lavinia Avenue with his mother; his father, a veteran of the Great War died 8 years before his son. Prior to enlistment, George and his twin Jack attended Swansea P.S. and Runnymede Collegiate where they were both excellent athletes. The twin, Sergeant-Major Jack Goud is a pilot-instructor at Brantford; his older brother Lance-Corporal Edward Gould was serving overseas with a tank regiment. George enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and flew with the 412th Squadron. He died April 10, 1942 when his aircraft crashed mid-air with another Spitfire airplane while escorting a captured enemy aircraft. He is buried in the Scopwick Church Burial Ground in England.



George Stanley Gould

SWANSEA

FLIGHT SERGEANT LEONARD DUTTON

Age 22. Son of Frederick and Ann Dutton, 32 Morningside Avenue, Swansea. Prior to enlistment, Leonard attended Swansea P.S. and Runnymede Collegiate. He signed up in October 1941 and left for Europe in November 1942 on the same ship as his brother Leslie, a navigator in the R.C.A.F. On April 14, 1943, Leonard was killed, while flying on his 27th air operation. His Vickers Wellington plane was shot down by enemy aircraft during an air raid over Stuttgart, Germany along with 4 other airforce men. Leonard's younger brother, Neville, was also in training for the air force at the time of his death. Leonard is buried in the Rocquigny Communal Cemetery in France.



Leonard Dutton

SWANSEA

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS I NAVIGATOR, LESLIE FREDERICK DUTTON

Age 25. Son of Frederick and Ann Dutton and brother of Flight Sergeant Leonard Dutton and Leading Aircraftman Neville Dutton. Prior to enlistment he attended Swansea P.S. and Runnymede Collegiate and worked at National Steel Car Co. (Aircraft) at Malton as a tool crib storekeeper. He was an avid sportsman who played football, cricket, baseball, badminton and basketball. Prior to going overseas on the same ship as his brother, Leonard, Leslie married Edith Goodchild, on the same day that he received his wings. At the time of his death, Leslie had completed 29 sorties out of Italy and over the Balkans. His plane was shot down over Romania and he is buried with three other members of his crew in the Bucharest War Cemetery.



Leslie Frederick Dutton

SWANSEA

FLIGHT SERGEANT KENNETH R. SCHILLER

Age 28. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Schiller. He lived at 3 Ostend Avenue. Prior to enlistment he attended Runnymede Collegiate and was a notable hockey and football player. Kenneth enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and trained as a navigator in Manitoba. His brother Captain Clarence "Duke" Schiller died on a ferry command over Bermuda and 9 months later this is how Kenneth also met his death in a plane crash. Kenneth flew a Lancaster Bomber and after only two months of operational flights his aircraft crashed near Lincolnshire in England. All 5 crew suffered injuries or death in the accident.



Kenneth R. Schiller

SWANSEA

PILOT OFFICER JAMES DOUGLAS "DOUG" DUFFIN

Age 28. Son of James A. Duffin, 268 Riverside Drive. Prior to enlistment James attended Runnymede Public School and Humberside Collegiate and worked as the manager of Teasdall's Clothes Shop. He died when his plane was shot down by enemy aircraft near Dunkirk and is buried along with his crew at the Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery in France.



James Douglas "Doug" Duffin

PARKDALE C.I.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES HUTCHISON SPARROW

Age 23. He lived at 99 Jameson Avenue, son of Joseph and Sophia Sparrow. He enlisted in the 47th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, Western Ontario Regiment. "Chuck" Sparrow was a popular student at Parkdale C.I., an oarsman at the Parkdale Canoe Club and member of the Church of the Epiphany. After serving in the Battle of the Somme in 1916, Sparrow died March 31, 1917 near Vimy Ridge. He died a hero. A Toronto Star article published that he was "killed rescuing his men." Lieutenant Sparrow had just led a raiding party of 50 men who had reached their objective. But when one of his men was wounded, Sparrow picked him up and put him on his back. Having to pause to rest for a moment, Sparrow called for help, and as soon as one of his other men responded, all 3 were killed by a shell burst. At his funeral in the Villers Station Cemetery, Chuck Sparrow was given full military honours, was wrapped in a Union Jack, and a memorial cross was placed upon his grave.



Charles Hutchison Sparrow

PARKDALE C.I.

FLIGHT SUB-LIEUTENANT PERCY GORDON MCNEIL

The son of James and Annie McNeil, he lived at 69 Beaty Avenue. Prior to enlistment he worked in Cobalt with his father in the lumber business. His father had been the Mayor of Gravenhurst. In 1915, Gordon joined the Royal NaPrval Air Service and trained at the Curtiss School at Long Branch. Once overseas with the 10th (Naval) Squadron, he served in the Battle of Messines and was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French government. As a skilled flight commander, McNeil was shot down over France in a dogfight with 12 German aeroplanes, on June 3, 1917. He was 25 years old.



Percy Gordon McNeil

PARKDALE C.I.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT JAMES G. MOORE

Age 24. The only son of Mr. W. J. Moore at 293 Roncesvalles. Prior to enlistment he was studying arts at the University of Toronto and attended High Park Presbyterian Church. Moore was "well known in the West End." James enlisted in 1916 in the Canadian Officer's Training Corps, but transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He participated in many bombing raids over Germany with the 56th Squadron of the R.A.F. He was wounded and burned when his plane crashed and burst into flames. Moore tried to rescue his Pilot from the wreckage, but that only caused him further injury, a choice which eventually cost him his life 10 months later. Lieutenant Moore died at Kensington Hospital and was buried at Hampstead August 19, 1918 with full military honours.



James G. Moore

PARKDALE C.I.

CAPTAIN WILFRID JOHN PRESTON

Age 23. Son of John and Jeannie Preston. He lived at 234 Garden Avenue. Wilfrid enlisted in the 126th Battalion as a signalling officer, but once overseas he was promoted to Captain in the 116th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, Canadian Expeditionary Force. In August 1918 he won a Military Cross at Dormat, France for having captured an enemy battery and many prisoners of war. Wilfried later earned a bar for his Military Cross for his courage and gallantry under fire in France. He died November 5, 1918 of his injuries in the aftermath of the Battle of Cambrai when yet again he was taken as a prisoner-of-war, 6 days before the armistice. Wilfried is buried in the Cologne Southern Cemetery in Germany.



Wilfrid John Preston

PARKDALE C.I.

PRIVATE ROBERT FOUNTAIN MCLUCKIE

Age 20. Son of Bathia and Peter McLuckie; he lived at 50 Harvard Avenue. Prior to enlistment he was part of the Parkdale Collegiate Athletic club and was a well-known hockey and rugby player. He attended Cowean Avenue Presbyterian Church. In July 1915, Robert enlisted with the McGill University draft to support the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry. Once overseas, he joined the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, 3rd Company, ranked as a Private. McLuckie fought in the Battles of St. Eloi, Hooge, Trench 27, and Hill 60. He died on May 22, 1916 at the Battle of Mount Sorrel in Belgium and is buried in the Railway Dugouts Burial Grounds near Ypres, Belgium. His epitaph reads, "Thy will be done." Robert is survived by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.



Robert Fountain McLuckie

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